



Application No. 09/834,815
Amendment Dated: 3/16/2004
Reply to Office Action of 12/16/2003

PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF) GROUP ART UNIT: 1621
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) EXAMINER: P. A. Zucker
SERIAL NO. 09/934,815)
FILED: APRIL 13, 2001) DATE: MARCH 16, 2004

Title: 2-AMINO-3, 4 HEPTENOIC COMPOUNDS USEFUL AS NITRIC
OXIDE SYNTHASE INHIBITORS

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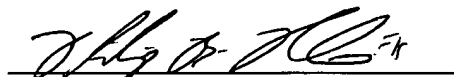
RESPONSE

UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Sir:

This letter is in response to the Office Action dated December 16,
2003, having a Shortened Statutory Period for Response that is set to expire
on March 16, 2004. The Applicants believe this Application to be timely filed.
A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed together with this
Amendment. All fees required for the making of this Amendment are
authorized to be charged to deposit account No. 19-1025.

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